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PROJECTS UNDER NATRIP
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects included under National Automotive Testing and Research and Development Infrastructure Project (NATRIP), State-wise;

(b) the funds released during the current financial year, Project-wise;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for completion of project;

(d) if so, the year of completing each project;

(e) the number of projects which have not been completed in time; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) has been sanctioned for setting up of the testing, homologation & R&D facilities/centers for the automotive sector at seven locations in the country. These include:-

(i) A full-fledged testing and homologation center within the northern hub of automotive industry at Manesar, Haryana.

(ii) A full-fledged testing and homologation center within the southern hub of automotive industry at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

(iii) Up-gradation of existing testing and homologation facilities at Automotive Research Association of India(ARAI), Pune and at Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), Ahmednagar.

(iv) World-class proving grounds or testing tracks at Pithampur, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

(v) National Center for Testing of Tractors and Off-Road Vehicles and the national facility for accident data analysis and specialized driving training at Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.

(vi) National Specialized Hill Area Driving Training Center and Regional In-use Vehicle Management Center at Silchar (with two Campuses at Dholchura & Jaffirbund) in Assam.

(b): During the current year 2010-11, a sum of Rs. 232.14 Cr had been allocated to NATIS which has already been released to NATRIP for meeting various project commitment.

(c) to (e): Yes Madam. The project wise original timeframe, time frame as per the Detailed Project Implementation Report (DPIR) and the likely dates of complection are given in tablebelow:

FACILITY	AS PER Cabinet Approval	#AS PER DPIR	#LIKELY TIMELINES
iCAT, Manesar	Apr,11	Sept,11	Sept, 11 (except for track which is likely to be completed by December, 2011)
GARC, Chennai	Apr,11	Sept,11	Sept,11
NATRAX Indore	Apr,11	Sept,11	July,11 (Except High speed track, which is to be completed by Dec, 12)
SILCHAR	Apr,11	July,09	Dholchura Campus Completed-Sept 08 Jaffirbund Centre Completed

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        Oct. 2010
ARAI, Pune  Apr,11   Sep, 11  Dec, 11
        (Subject to land availability
        by Dec, 10)
VRDE, Ahemadnagar Apr,11   May, 08  EMC Lab-Completed -Jan,09
        ABS Track-Dec, 10
NCVRS,Rae-Bareilly Apr,10   June, 10 Accident Data Analysis
        Centre - Completed Sept, 10,
        Labs & tracks by Dec, 12
        (subject to land availability
        by Dec, 10)
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In the approval stage for NATRIP, it was indicated that the scope of activities, funding requirements, phasing of investment and time schedule of different centers, etc., were tentative and these, however, might undergo changes once the Detailed Project Implementation Report (DPIR) is finalized by the Global consultants. Accordingly there are some minor variations in the project timelines between the Cabinet Note and DPIR.

(f): The main reason for the delays at Rae Bareilly is on account of the non-availability of land and the delay at ARAI, Pune and iCAT Manesar is on account of delays in obtaining land and the required clearances. The project is being monitored at the highest levels on a regular basis. The issues of providing land and necessary clearances are being taken up earnestly with the concerned state government. In addition various other possible strategies for minimizing the delays are also being explored at the same time.